

# The Elba Clipper

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## Elba Schools superintendent provides positive news to board members regarding multiple grant funding coming Elba's way

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Board of Education met Tuesday, Feb. 19, for the regular monthly meeting, and superintendent Chris Moseley had good reports regarding grants for board members.

Moseley said the school system had received an approximate \$4,000 RC&D (Resource Conservation and Development) Grant. He said this grant is tied in directly with the elementary school playground project.

Also regarding the playground, Moseley said everything had been turned in for a ADEM (Alabama Department of Environmental Management) Grant, and the school is pretty much approved for \$8,000 in grant funds with this. He said these monies are tied directly to recycled tiring for the playground.

Moseley said all this would be used along with funds from the TJ Fund,

which was established by the Wicker Family. He said they had specifically requested funds for this go towards the playground project at the elementary school.

Moseley said a lot of work is going into the playground. He said the work on this project would need to be timed well to avoid disrupting school as much as possible.

"I want to do the best I can not to disrupt them as much as possible," Moseley said.

However, he said a lot would depend on when the workers can get to the project. He also noted that some work definitely would need to be completed prior to Oct. 1st for funding purposes.

Moseley said Elba City Schools also had received a \$100,000 grant as part of the McKinney-Vento

Homeless Assistance Grant.

He said this grant allows for 40 percent of the funding to go towards personnel.

"That's big for us as you all know," Moseley said to board members.

He said the rest of the grant monies would be spread out into different areas, but a large portion would be used for technology.

"We hope to build a lab at the high school," he said. "With all the testing and things going on at the high school, that is the dire need right now."

Along with that, Moseley said the school system had received 30 free computer desks from Vestavia Hills. He said that school had offered them online, and Elba was the first to make contact. He gave props to chief financial officer Valerie McKelvy for notic-

ing this offer and bringing it to his attention.

Putting all that together, Moseley said the goal would be to purchase 30 computers for the new lab at the high school to go along with the desks received from Vestavia Hills. He said he hoped he would be able to say this project was completed by the next board meeting.

The only item on the meeting agenda requiring a board vote was the proposed 2019-2020 School Calendar for Elba City Schools.

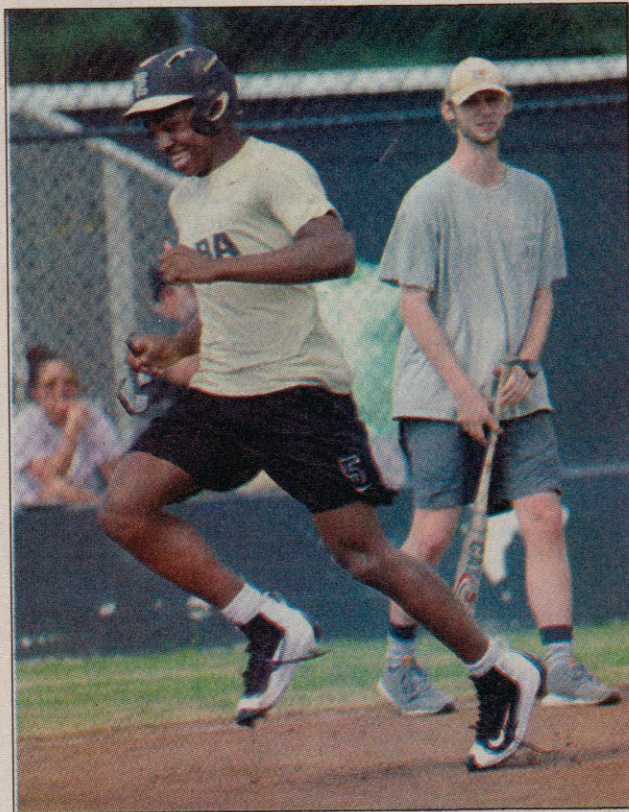
Moseley said the calendar he was recommending for approval is a 177-day calendar that more than meets the 1,080 hours of class time required by the state.

However, he noted the state recently sent out word that it would like, but not requiring, schools to return to the old 180-days of classroom time rather than the hours system. He said he knew of several schools systems that had already approved school calendars prior to the state sending out this request.

Moseley said all that is required is for the school system to turn in a waiver to the state, and there should be no problem with them approving the calendar. He said he already had the waiver ready to submit upon board approval of the school calendar.

He did say there is a 'back-up' 180-day calendar prepared just in case there

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**ELBA BASEBALL 'FUN'DRAISER...**The annual Old Timers vs Rookies baseball game for the Elba High baseball program was held last Saturday, Feb. 23, at Elba High School. It was reported to be a fun day for all involved, and great support was provided for the baseball program. Above, Elba High senior Richmon Singletary was all smiles as he rounded the bases while Elba alumnus Chase Moseley watches. More information and photos from this event can be found on Page 9 of today's paper.

## Elba High hosting Pea River Concert Band Festival on Thursday and Friday

During the Elba Board of Education meeting held Tuesday evening, Feb. 19, superintendent Chris Moseley invited board members to attend the Pea River Concert Festival, which is being held this week at Elba High School.

He said this event would be bringing some 13 different band programs to Elba to participate in this concert band festival. During the festival the concert bands perform and receive feedback from clinicians/judges regarding their program.

The Elba High School Band and the Elba Intermediate Band also will be performing during this festival.

Moseley said the school system is happy to be able to host the Pea River Concert Festival, and he invited all who could to attend. He said this is good for the schools and the community.

The Pea River Concert Festival Performance Schedule is as follows:

**Thursday, Feb. 28th**  
Elba High School Band - 8:45 a.m.

**During Elba City Council meeting**  
Miss Elba Pageants chairperson updates council on upcoming pageant details/events

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday evening, Feb. 25, council members heard an update regarding the upcoming Miss Elba Pageants.



Slocumb High School Band - 10:15 a.m.  
DA Smith Middle School Band - 11 a.m.  
Charles Henderson High School Band - 1 p.m.  
Headland High School Band - 1:40 p.m.  
Elba Intermediate Band - 2:20 p.m.

**Friday, March 1st**  
New Brockton High School Band - 8:45 a.m.  
Kinston High School Band - 9:30 a.m.  
Samson High School Band - 10:15 a.m.  
Wicksburg High School Band - 11 a.m.  
Andalusia Middle School Band - 11:45 a.m.  
Carroll High School Band - 1 p.m.  
Straughn High School Band - 1:40 p.m.  
Opp High School Band - 2:20 p.m.

Starla Amison, chairperson of the Miss Elba Pageants committee, addressed council members. She said there is a five-person committee overseeing the pageants this year for the City of Elba.

A former Miss Elba queen herself, Amison said the pageants mean a lot to her. She said when a young lady puts that crown on "they are Elba."

Amison said she got away from the Miss Elba Pageants as her two sons grew up and that required her presence more at a ball field than a pageant setting. Now, however, she said they are grown, and she is able to return to directing the Miss Elba Pageants.

Amison said this is the first time the City of Elba has been the pageant host in

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**ROUTINE TESTING** of the Elba flood gate at the Pea River Bridge, and both other gates, on Monday of this week assured they will work as designed when and if needed.

## Flood gates in Elba tested earlier this week

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The anniversary of the two Elba floods of the 1990s is just around the corner. Heavy rains still rattle many who survived those events.

Elba Street department and Water and Electric crews routinely check the flood gates, the two large pumps, the numerous flap gates in the levee and the levee itself. However, they are looking closer and wider during their inspections this week as these anniversaries approaches.

Monday morning, Feb.

25, the employees activated each of the three flood gates, cleaned the tracks in the roadways, oiled and greased bearings, and gears as training for employees.

When the gates are functioning correctly the entire process of securing that road opening can be completed in slightly over two minutes - far less than prior to the levee upgrade when the gates were closed with timbers and sandbags.

During this week each of these flood prevention measures will be checked and doubled checked and all employees trained on

operating and maintaining the integrity of the system.

The flap gates that allow water from inside the levee to flow out but close when the river rises to flood state are checked for debris that man have floated into the pipes and the hinges of the flaps oiled.

The two pumps have standby generators to keep them pumping if the electrical power fails during a flood. Each has a 500-gallon tank of fuel on site at each pump. These are also activated regularly to ensure they will start up and will pump water.

## Coffee County Commission approves policy for off duty security services work involving sheriff's deputies

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Commission held a rather routine meeting Monday, Feb. 25, in New Brockton, with no real surprises coming to light.

County administrator Rod Morgan had only one item to commissioners to consider during the meeting. He said the group had been discussing in work sessions the need for a resolution that gives approval from the commission for off duty officers to use their county-issued equipment when providing security services to for entities within the county.

Morgan said it is not uncommon for the sheriff to approve off duty security work for deputies interested in assisting entities in need of security services as

they are still providing public safety services to the community, and at the same time, it allows the officers to make a little extra money.

Morgan further said that Alabama law allows for officers to do this and use their property issued by the local agency. He said the sheriff also has a policy regarding off duty work for the officers, and therefore, the commission also needed a resolution in place noting that deputies are allowed to use their county property for the off duty security services as approved by the sheriff.

Commissioners approved the resolution with no opposition.

Environmental services director Mike Thornton asked commissioners to approve the purchase of a

new D6 Waste Handler for the landfill to replace a 2005 model D8 that has lots of miles on it and is in need of repairs, which he said are not cost effective for the county.

Thornton said the new D6 would cost \$467,310.89 and would be budget neutral for this year, if the county added the 2005 D8 to surplus and sold it. He said any funds from the sale of the D8 would cover any costs associated with the new piece of equipment this budget year.

Commissioners approved a motion to surplus and offer for sale the 2005 D8 waste handler and to purchase the new D6 requested by Thornton for the landfill.

Upon recommendation

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## News Brief:

**A single vehicle crash at 3:15 a.m., Sunday, Feb. 24, claimed the life of an Enterprise woman, according to Alabama State Troopers.**

**Lindsey Brooke Jensen, age 22, was killed when the 2017 Hyundai Elantra she was riding in left the roadway and struck a bridge piling. Jensen was pronounced dead on scene.**

**The driver, Robert Earl Whatley, age 23, of New Brockton, Ala., was injured and transported to D.W. McMillian Hospital.**

**The crash occurred on Interstate 65 at the 70 mile marker, ten miles west of Flomaton. Nothing further is available as Alabama State Troopers continue to investigate.**

## Area Happenings

**THE ELBA LIONS CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST** will be Saturday, March 2, from 6-10 a.m. at the Elba Senior Citizens building. There will be a \$5 per plate donation.

**THE FIRST ANNUAL SPRING FOGGY BOTTOM CRUISIN' CAR SHOW** will be Saturday, March 2, in downtown Elba [on the square] from 12 noon until 4 p.m. There is no admission charge to attend, but there is a \$20 entry fee for vehicles to be entered into the show. Vehicle registration is from 10 a.m. until 12 Noon. Proceeds will benefit the Elba City Library. There also will be a crafts bazaar at Just Folk Coffeehouse as well as arts and crafts exhibits on the square. Contact Kenneth Calhoun at 334-313-5505 for more information.



# EDITORIAL

## BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

*"Opportunities are usually disguised as hard work, so most people don't recognize them."* – Ann Landers

We read last week that people have been posting personal health information on Facebook and then complaining because Facebook 'shared' the information with others! Folks that problem is easy to solve. Just stop posting your private information – medical or any other kind - on social media. We might add . . . don't send revealing photos of yourself to others and you will not get embarrassed and/or surprised by having them show up on public websites and many people's computer. Maybe worse – Mother and Grandmother might see it! That 'trusted' friend can share it with a single friend and that one with two pals or trusted friends gets hurt feelings and embarrasses you by design.

Last week we took the test administered to immigrants as they strive for nationalized citizenship. The bait that got us to actually try the exam was a headline that noted only 30% of native U. S. citizens could score high enough to pass the test. Heck the questions were very simple! It is shocking that so many U. S. citizens fail the test. Oh, we did miss one of the test questions. If you are asked 'How many amendments are there to the U. S. Constitution?' remember the answer is 27 and NOT the 26 that this cocky country boy opined. Don't ask us to list the 27 amendments, the year they passed Congress, the year each one was finally approved by the states, and/or their purpose – we can't do it. You will just have to ask Google! Also, before we start strutting around town over our test results, be aware that it is a multi-choice exam with four choices, not a real test of American and/or government history.

What looked like a sure thing for the upcoming Alabama Legislature several weeks ago is now in trouble of falling flat before it gets started. The gasoline tax for road and bridge improvement was getting endorsements from all sides at first. Now the legislators are apparently getting anti-tax pressure from lots of voters. A poll last week of Republican lawmakers found very little open support for the tax. In fact, a majority of them reportedly responded that they were opposed to new taxes. If the Republicans are against it, it is dead because they are the majority. We have seen quotes from a couple of lawmakers who indicated they could support a 1¢ or even 3¢ raise but not the dime being proposed. Frankly we doubt that small of a tax increase would solve the problems. It surely would not solve the state's, the county's and city's road and bridge needs. The cities and counties were already jockeying for more of the proposed original 10¢ increase.

Work on the U. S. 84 Bypass 4-laning project is moving, but it seems to be at the pace of a slow turtle. Back many, many years ago when this road project was first announced (some 18-20 years ago) the now deceased Drexel Cook opined to this old man that he doubted either of us would ever see the work completed. Well he is already half right – he died several years ago and the jury is still out on yours truly because the work is not completed.

The folks who are accused of running Amazon and their new facility that would employ 25,000 people with an average annual salary of over \$100,000 out of New York City this month would have to sleep with a gun under their pillow if that happened anywhere in Alabama. Yes, the tax abatements offered were high, but the potential income to the city and state was even higher (read in Mercedes and Alabama for a prime example). Probably there was a shortfall in explaining the whole picture to the New York citizens because those who preached against the project are now thumping their chest for the 'success'.

## USACRC bids farewell to command sergeant major

The U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center hosted a retirement ceremony for the Army's top enlisted adviser on safety and occupational health issues Tuesday, Feb. 26, at the United States Army Aviation Museum on base in Fort Rucker, Ala.

Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest D. Bowen Jr. is set to retire after nearly 33 years of service in the U.S. Army. An Ohio native, Bowen began his career in July 1986 as an infantryman and graduated Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Benning, Georgia.

Since then, he has served in every key leadership position in the Infantry, from team leader to command sergeant major.

"Over the past 30 years, I've spent a lot of time with NCOs and leadership across the Army. These men and women are truly the backbone of our force, but none in my career have surpassed the dedication, the humility and professionalism of Command Sgt. Maj. Bowen. He has been a source of continuity for me since I first got here, he's a traveling companion, a sounding board, a confidant, and most of all, I consider him a friend," said Brig. Gen. Timothy J. Daugherty, commanding general,



Command Sgt. Maj. Ernest D. Bowen Jr. receives a flag from the Human Resources Command Honor Guard during his retirement ceremony. Bowen is set to retire after nearly 33 years of active duty Army service.

(Photo Credit: Mr. Luis Martinez)

USACRC and director of Army Safety. "I say without exaggeration that he epitomizes every trait I personally admire most in those around me."

Bowen has served in his

current position since April 2017 and has played a critical role in Army safety during his tenure at the USACRC.

"You don't do this (Army career) alone, you

never will and if you're trying, or you do, or you're not passing that message on to those junior to you or those peers who just don't get it then you're really missing the boat," Bowen said. "This is a team. Our uniform says U.S. Army, and you know, you've got to really live that. That's what really has inspired me to stay in and just take care of people."

Daugherty also thanked Bowen and his wife, Donna, for their effort and support during Bowen's time in the Army.

"You will be missed, but it is with immense joy that we look to you and Donna's future," he said. "True to the Infantry's motto of 'Follow Me!' you have led the way for countless Soldiers and future leaders in the Army for the last 33 years and I offer you a heartfelt thanks."

## Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Feb. 18, investigated the following incidents: two for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, one harassing communications, two for found property, one criminal mischief, one criminal trespassing, one attempted theft of property, one bur-

glary, one suspicious vehicle, one counterfeit bills, one welfare check, three for forged instruments, one attempted suicide, and one public intoxication.

The following arrests were made: 10 on warrants, one for possession of a controlled substance, and one for public intoxication.

There were seven traffic citations and 21 traffic warnings [verbal and written] issued by Elba Police officers during the timeframe of Feb. 18th – 24th.

**MONDAY, FEB. 18** – Officers responded to a residence on Beaver Dam St in reference to a bat inside – the bat was removed (1:21 a.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person report on Putnam Ave – arrest was made (6:43 a.m.); Officers responded to a report of trespassing on Hickman Ave – an arrest was made (6:56 a.m.); Officers responded to a medical call on Plant Ave – turned over to EMS units (7:33 p.m.).

**TUESDAY, FEB. 19** – Officers responded to a report of shots fired in area of Brookdale Ave – unable to locate anyone shooting (4:42 p.m.); Officers served a warrant on Kennedy Dr – subject was located and arrested (5:53 p.m.); Report of hit and run on private property (6:20 p.m.); Officers responded to report of possible attempted theft of property on County Rd 505 (7:12 p.m.); Several reports of power outages due to a blown transformer in area of Larkin Rd and Industrial Blvd (9:05 p.m.); Officers responded to a suspicious person call on County Rd 501 (10:21 p.m.); Officers out with suspicious vehicle at Hawkins Williams Park – driver was lost (11:35 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20** – Report of shots fired in area of Larkin Rd – offi-

cers could not locate this activity (12:16 a.m.); Report of a homeless person sleeping in the bathroom at Tiger Town Park (7:19 a.m.); Report of a reckless driver in the area of Claxton Ave and Hwy 203 (8:54 a.m.); Report of an assault – officers responded to a residence on Claxton Ave and a male subject was banned from the residence and made to leave area (12:20 p.m.); Officers received a complaint of a past breaking and entering at a residence on County Rd 505 (3:36 p.m.);

**THURSDAY, FEB. 21** – Traffic accident reported at Hwy 87 and the 203 Bypass (2:51 p.m.); Officers also worked a funeral and escort for more than four hours on this date.

**FRIDAY, FEB. 22** – Officers responded to a family dispute on Powell Circle – all parties separated (5:06 a.m.); Officers assisted with a medical call on Morrow Dr (10:01 a.m.); Officers responded to a call regarding theft of electricity on Hickman Ave (10:51 a.m.); Officers responded to a distressed person call on Ann St (11:24 p.m.).

**SATURDAY, FEB. 23** – Officers advised of a suspicious vehicle in parking lot of a business on Hwy 203 – property recovered and lab work is pending (1:54 a.m.); Officers responded to a business on W Davis St in regards to counterfeit money (5:14 a.m.); Officers assisted Haynes Ambulance with a medical call on Taylor Mill Rd (12:18 p.m.); Unwanted guest reported at a residence on County Rd 502 (12:25 p.m.); Officers responded to a call of a possible drunk driver at a drive-thru of a business on N Claxton Ave (5:32 p.m.); Burglary of a residence reported on Cedar Lane Dr (6:00 p.m.); Officers escorted and assisted an individual to retrieve items from residence on Cedar Lane Dr – in reference to a past burglary reported (9:37 p.m.).

**SUNDAY, FEB. 24** – Possible domestic disturbance call received but caller hung up prior to providing an exact location – officers were unable to locate any possible altercations and were also unable to re-establish contact with caller (12:00 p.m.); Officer followed up on past burglary – some artifacts recovered (12:05 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic altercation on Williams St – both parties separated (5:47 p.m.); Officers responded to a medical assist call on Simmons St (9:11 p.m.); Officers responded to a domestic call on Roosevelt Dr – an arrest was made (10:25 p.m.).

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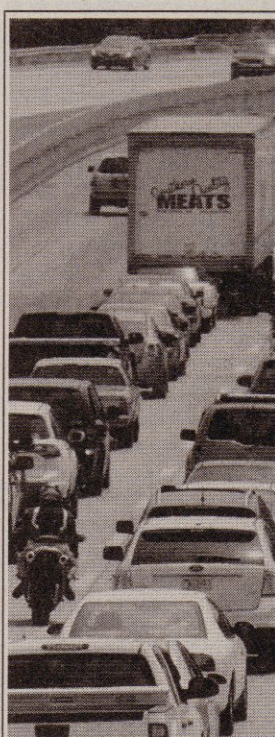
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many years, and she said she wanted to personally thank the city for taking on this task again.

"We are getting back to the basics this year," she said. "We want to lay a firm foundation this year and grow from there."

Amison said one of the biggest changes made this year is reducing the entry fee from \$150 in the past to only \$35 this year. She said this should make it more affordable for young ladies to compete.

Also, Amison said the pageants had been closed this year to Elba residents/students only.

The pageants are set for Saturday, April 6, at the Elba High School auditorium. Registration packets now are available for pick-up at Elba City Hall, Elba High School, and Elba Elementary School.

The next 'event' for the Miss Elba contestants will be the Miss Elba Tea, according to Amison. She said this will be held March 17th at 2 p.m.

"This will be the first time our group collectively comes together," said Amison.

She invited the council to



**Starla Amison, chairperson for the Miss Elba Pageants Committee,** addressed the Elba City Council during Monday's meeting.

attend this Tea to allow them to get a better look at what the contestants do in getting ready for the pageants, but to also give the contestants an opportunity to mingle with their city dignitaries.

"Thank you all for investing in these kids," Amison said in conclusion. Mayor Mickey Murdock

thanked Amison and the other committee members for their work in directing this year's pageants.

Also during Monday evening's meeting, Police Chief Leslie Hussey invited council members to attend a memorial program Friday morning, March 1, beginning at 6:30 a.m. in honor of the late Coffee County Sheriff C.F. "Neil" Grantham. This will be at the old jail in Elba.

or another, it would be handled soon.

Coffee County Extension coordinator Gavin Mauldin introduced a new employee to commissioners during Monday's meeting. He said Christina "Tina" Cook had joined the staff as a Nutrition Education agent and would be in the local schools working with students.

Mauldin said Coffee County would be sharing Cook with Geneva County for these services.

Also during Monday's meeting, Ben McKee, an Alabama GOP delegate for Coffee County, briefly addressed commissioners. He invited them to come and speak at the local Coffee County Republican meetings.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, March 11, at 9 a.m., in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

## BOE

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is a problem on the state level with the proposed 177-day calendar.

Moseley said the schools were presented three calendar options, rather than it being only a committee decision, and the 177-day calendar presented for approval was the overwhelming choice of the schools.

Board member Matt Brunson made a motion to approve the proposed 2019-2020 calendar, and he received a second from board member Greg Sowell. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote of the board.

Also during the meeting, the superintendent noted the Show Choir would be performing Saturday, March 2, at a competition in Enterprise. He also said Prom would be March 8th.

## Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at &lt;www.elba-clipper.com&gt;

## BARBARA G. HUDSON

Mrs. Barbara G. Hudson, age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019, at Medical Center Enterprise.

Funeral services were held Feb. 23, 2019, at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Minister Greg Hanchey officiating. Burial services followed at the Evergreen Cemetery in Elba.

To honor Mrs. Hudson memorials may be made to Victims of Crime and Leniency, P. O. Box 4449, Montgomery, Alabama, 36103.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, R.C. and Rosetta Mathison Grantham, siste, Dorothy "Dot" Smith, and brothers, C.F. "Neil" Grantham, Elwood Grantham, and Bunk Grantham.

Survivors include her husband: Bobby Hudson, Elba; daughter: Regina Hudson (Carlos) de Corona, Birmingham, Ala.; son: Rob (Kelly) Hudson, Charlotte, N.C.; grandsons: Antonio Corona, Birmingham, Bobby Hudson, Eufaula, Ala., and Grant Hudson, Charlotte; granddaughters: Mabry Hudson, Charlotte, Heather Hudson, Destin, Fla., and Brittany Hudson, Lewis Center, Ohio; along with his sister: Jeanette Grantham, Elmore Ala.



Mitchell and William Mitchell, both of Dothan.

## WILLIAM JOHN OSBORNE SR.

Mr. William John Osborne Sr., age 83, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 20, 2019, at his home. Graveside services were held Feb. 23, 2019 from Evergreen Cemetery



with Rev. Dwight Johnson officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife: Bertha Mae Osborne; sons: Andrew D. (Kathy) Osborne, Little Rock, Ark., William Osborne Jr., Enterprise, Ala.; daughters: Cheryl (Ricky) Paschal, Dothan, Ala., Tammy (Jeff) Driggers, Andalusia, Ala.; grandsons: William D. Osborne, Birmingham, Stephen Driggers, Kinston, Ala., and Tyler Osborne, Little Rock; granddaughters: Krystal Lynn Zapata, Houston, Texas, Chelsea Littlefield, Enterprise, and Cortnee Pugh, Troy, Ala.; along with his sister: Athea McCoy, Jacksonville, Ark.

## JUSTIN RAY WINSTON SMITH

Mr. Justin Ray Winston Smith, age 32, a resident of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2019, at his home.

No formal services will be held. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba assisted the family.

## DOROTHY EARLINE PRESCOTT

Mrs. Dorothy Earline Prescott, age 93, of Opp, Ala., died Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2019, at Opp Health and Rehabilitation in Opp.

Funeral services were held Feb. 22, 2019 from

Hayes Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Travis Day officiating. Burial followed in the Antioch Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery.

Survivors include her daughters: Phylis (Ricky) Bowden, Mobile, Ala., Rosa Aaron, Enterprise, Ala., Regina (Craig) Flowers, Dothan, Ala.; granddaughters: Nesha Aaron, Enterprise, Amber F. (Michael) Mitchell, Dothan, and Jessica B. (Chris) Walley, Mobile; grandsons: Jonathan Bowden, Mobile, and Joshua Flowers, Dothan; great-grandson: Charles Walley, Mobile; great-granddaughters: Eva Walley, Mobile, Charlotte



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'Uncompromising in compromising': Orange Beach will remain family friendly

With eight miles of beachfront on the Alabama Gulf Coast and 46 miles of total shoreline, including the back bays, the City of Orange Beach is a year-round recreational paradise.

Our winter visitors to the beach, called snowbirds, arrive in earnest after the holidays and generally stay between January 1st and mid-March. It is during this time when 60% of Orange Beach's 9,900 accommodation units are occupied, ballooning our 6,000 population to upwards of 30,000. In short, we become a much larger city than most people realize even during the "off" season. During peak season, occupancy hovers around 90% with our numbers topping 100,000. On paper, the City of Orange Beach ranks 101st in population in Alabama, but is far from that at any point during the year. At the height of the summer season in July, Orange Beach becomes the state's 5th largest city, and even during the winter

months we're in the top 20.

While our population is always in flux, our traditional family values never waiver. The city council and I have made an intentional choice to preserve our "family-friendly" brand. Come March, snowbirds are replaced by families enjoying spring break. While spring break is a special time for so many, unfortunately it is also a time when a few vacationers take advantage of our kindness and hospitality.

For those looking for a party town during spring break, Orange Beach is not it. Underage drinking, illegal drug use, disorderly conduct or any disturbance of the peace is never tolerated here. There will be no warnings, no mulligans, pour-outs, or do-overs. If you are drinking under age, if you are doing illegal drugs, misbehaving or are publicly intoxicated, you will go to jail.

We will not compromise our family-friendly brand for a buck. We are uncompromising in compromising. We respect our visitors and expect it in return. It is only fair. We are a sanctuary city... for families, and pride ourselves on that.

By protecting our brand, we are also protecting the investment the State of Alabama continues to make at its beaches - from roadways to bridges to the Gulf State Park. The state continues to see an ever-increasing return on its investment.

Spring break will be here before we know it and remember our family-friendly beaches are here for you. When Alabamians

vacation at home on our sugar-white sands, it's a win-win for everyone.

For our visitors from all over the country... all over the world, we want to create and present an image of an Alabama that believes in God, family and country. We want all Alabamians to be proud of the family-friendly image that we present and protect.

**Mayor Tony Kennon**

**City of Orange Beach**

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# CHURCH NEWS

## PASTOR'S CORNER

KEN WILSON, PASTOR  
WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

### The Cover Up

My parents took a biblical approach to punishment when I was growing up. "Spare the rod and spoil the child" was taken in its most literal sense in my house. My sister Alice and I were the last half of four children. Alice, being two years older and wiser than me, thought it best to just stay out of trouble when at all possible. I took a different approach to the disciplinary practices in my home. I always figured it was best not to get caught.

My philosophy was if nobody saw me do it then nobody can prove that I did. Alice on the other hand, had more of a guilty by association conscience and broke under mild pressure. While she couldn't go long without confessing her iniquities, she could go months at a time holding mine over my head while threatening to turn states evidence. Older sisters can think of some awful things to make a guilty little brother do. I've actually worn ballerina clothes and danced to keep her quiet. My dad has the pictures to prove it and he was always more than happy to show them to any date I ever had.

My sister Leslie and I were more alike when it came to not getting caught. She once carved my brother Gran's initials into some furniture and let him take the rap for it. He got a spanking and she watched. She confessed as an adult, but she didn't get in trouble then. Man! She was good.

Alice and I developed an unspoken understanding. If we messed up together, I was busted because she was going to eventually confess, and if I did something on my own I had better not let her find out. That in itself could be worse than confessing and being punished. However, I always knew that eventually Alice would have something she wouldn't want Mom and Dad to find out about, and then I would be in the driver's seat.

I'll never forget one rainy day when Alice and I pretended we were going on a camping trip. We began to gather our supplies for our expedition, so naturally we started in the kitchen. We made peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, put milk in our thermos bottles, and packed them in my back pack. Alice would only drink chocolate milk so we had to take along some "Nestle's Quik", but since my back pack was small and space was limited we couldn't take the whole can. Alice decided to put just enough for her milk in a plastic bag. Having secured the bag with a twist tie (there were no Ziploc bags in those days) she dropped the bag in the pack and we were off. We left the kitchen and headed for the dining room.

We decided to make camp under the dining room table. It was a logical choice because it provided us with plenty of room and shelter from the elements. After a few adventurous scouting trips around the living room and den, we decided it was just about time for lunch.

In hind sight I realize that the off-white carpet in the dining room was probably not the best choice for a camp site. Somehow in the process of unpacking our lunch Alice spilled the "Nestle's Quik" powder on the carpet. Both of us knew immediately that this was a serious problem. As Alice processed all of our options, something suddenly occurred to me. It wasn't my fault! In fact, I didn't even like chocolate milk, and my mother knew that. I was completely innocent and I had Alice right where I had always wanted her.

My sister stood at a crossroad. She did not want Mother to find out about this but she didn't know what to do to

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## Country Cathedral Church plans March 9th Church Hymnal Sing

Country Cathedral, located on U.S. Hwy. 84 E, Opp, Ala., will host a RED-BACK Church Hymnal Singing Reunion Concert on Saturday, March 9, at 6 p.m.

This concert will feature members of The Disciples Blessed, Burning Bush

Family, Ken Helms, Kay Bellino, Loretta Hornsby, New Covenant Singers, The Longworth Family, Safe Harbor, The Turman Family, the Dyess Family and more.

There is no admission charge. Be sure to bring a church hymnal.

## Shady Grove A.M.E. plans Men and Women's Day Program for March 17th

Shady Grove A.M.E. Church, located at 768 County Road 345, Elba, will host its Men and Women's Day Program on Sunday, March 17, at 2:30 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Rev. Shawn Mitchell, pastor of Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church, Elba.

## Pine Level Cemetery meeting set for Tuesday evening, March 5th

There will be a meeting for the Pine Level Cemetery on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m., at the home of Jimmy Bryan, 9502 Hwy. 141, Elba [in

the Pine Level Community].

Anyone with an interest in the cemetery is encouraged to attend.

## Bethany Baptist Church hosting PAL support group every Tuesday night

Bethany Baptist Church, located at 1805 County Road 533, New Brockton, Ala., recently began hosting a new program.

PAL [Parents of Addicted Loved Ones] is a free educational support group for parents and families of addicted loved ones.

Participants must be 18 or older.

PAL meets on Tuesday nights, from 6-7:30 p.m.

## Round and About

With Eria's Daughter  
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Scripture: The Glory of God in Zion [Psalm 48]

### Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Wendy Wood, Beatrice Belcher, Betty Moore, Bruce Dodd, John Earl Kelley, Rose Williams

### February Birthdays/Anniversaries

Jackie Brunson Crittenden 2/13

Nick & Shai Nelson 2/14 (W.A.)

Tina Hill 2/14

James R. Moore 2/14

Monique Flowers 2/15

Velma Whitfield 2/15

Nick Nelson 2/15

Charles Friends 2/15

Marie Terrell Williams 2/15 (in memory)

Coretta A. Hammonds 2/16 (in memory)

Ava Edwards 2/17

Ridgeway Berry 2/17

Debra Dubose Edwards 2/17

### 4th Annual Women of Purpose Conference

will be Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m. at the Southeast District

Singing Convention Building, located on County Rd 377, Elba. The theme is

Reclaiming All That's Mine. Keynote speaker will be Sister Kawannon Taylor, St. John Missionary Baptist Church, Luverne, Ala.

Conference Teacher will be Sister Cynthia Blake Jones, Friendship Baptist Church, Enterprise, Ala. This conference is hosted by the

Women of the Singing Convention.

### 28th Pastoral Anniversary for Rev. J.N. Flowers at New Shiloh Baptist Church.

located at 717 Park St., Troy, Ala., will be Sunday, March 3, at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. W.L. Peterson, pastor of Greater New Zion

Missionary Baptist Church, Elba.

### 47th Annual Session of the Mulberry Baptist District

Lauren's Convention, Elba, will be Friday, March 8 [at 6:30 p.m.], and Saturday, March 9 [at 9:30 a.m.]. The Friday,

March 8, service will include opening by Dea. Thomas Brooks, president; enrollment period; and sermon by Rev. Roderick Rideaux [alternate Rev. Cedric Williams]. The

Saturday, March 9, service will include opening by President Brooks, Devotional Address by Dea. A.J. Stoudmire, President's Address by Dea. Thomas Brooks, and sermon by Rev. William Hines. There also will be an election of officers with moderator Dr. W.L. Peterson.

### In Honor of Black History Month - A look at Jack Johnson

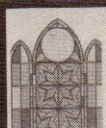
The first black man to hold the world heavyweight title (1910-1915) is regarded by many as the greatest fighter of them all. In a 28-year career, he lost only 7 of 114 bouts, and his losing title bout has been disputed.

Early in the 20th Century a number of talented black heavyweights came into prominence, but prejudice denied them a shot at the title and they had to fight each other for small purses.

Jack Johnson of Galveston, Texas, widely considered one of the most accomplished boxers of all time, finally broke the color barrier by knocking out the reputed titleholder Tommy Burns, at Sydney, Australia in 1908. For negroes everywhere Johnson became a symbol of black power, but his flamboyant lifestyle and his marriages to two white women alienated white fans, who also resented his boxing skill.

Jim Jeffries, who had retired undefeated in 1905, returned to the ring as 'the great white hope' but

## Church Directory



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LIGHT OF MEN

**ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH**, THOMSON, Ala.  
Richard Thorne, Sr. Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

**BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sam Self, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
Rev. Deborah A. Butler, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.

**BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Tom Senn, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

**BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Robert Davis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.

**CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST**  
Rev. Remonia Smith  
Church Service... 9:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH**  
Larry Mills-Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.

### COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Diana White, Pastor  
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.  
Fellowship... 9:45 a.m.  
Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.

**DAMASCUS BAPT. CHURCH**  
Steve Watson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

**DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dale Morgan-Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Discipleship Training... 5:00 p.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting, Wed. 7:00 p.m.

**EANON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Mark Ward, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Phillip Box, Minister  
Bible Study... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD**  
Rev. David Noble, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.

**ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY**  
H.L. Buckner-Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m.  
Thur. Night... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE**  
Allen Richards, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Dwight Johnson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Michael Woodham, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Services... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**ELBA ZION BAPT. CHURCH**  
Lovell Martin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.

### EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor  
Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**FAIRVIEW BAPT CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:30 p.m.

**FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Phillip Adcock, Pastor  
Sunday Morning... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

**1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON**  
Danny Bradshaw, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Scott Donaldson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

**FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH**  
Edward E. Drake, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.

**GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH.**  
Overseers - Bro Billy Berry  
Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.

**GREATHER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Willie L. Peterson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Michael Lawler Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.

**HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Shirley Ellis, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:00 p.m.

**HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH**  
Mark Cooper, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

### INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 6:30 p.m.

**INO BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Garry Winstead, Pastor  
Sunday School... 8:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

**JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Matthew Morris, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 7:15 p.m.

**KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH**  
Ben Posey, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**LIVING WORD CHURCH**  
Derrick Stinson, Pastor  
Saturday Service... 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Service... 10:30 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Thurs. Service... 6:00 p.m.

**LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
Greg Hanchey, Minister  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**LOVE'S WAY CHURCH**  
Rev. Charles Jones, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
J. R. Parks, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
1st & 3rd Sundays

**MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Dewey Emfinger, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.

**MT. OLIVE BAPT. CHURCH**  
Olan Strickland-Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting... 7:00 p.m.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Kevin Byrd, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

### Cathedral of the Holy Spirit

NEW ABUNDANT LIFE DEL.  
Linda Williams, Pastor  
Sunday... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Even... 7:30 p.m.

**NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE**  
W. K. Ellison, Pastor.  
Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m.  
Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.

**NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Will Jordan, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Night Services... 7:00 p.m.

**NEW BROCKTON METHODIST**  
Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Rev. Terry Godwin, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Bible Study... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Randall Pearson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW GLORIOUS CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Elder James Starks Jr. - Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Bib Stud Wed... 6:00 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Shane Thompson, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HAVEN ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH**  
Brad Sasser - Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH**  
Bro. Lanny Shepard, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Service... 6:30 p.m.

**NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST**  
Loreal Flowers, Minister  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**OAK GROVE BAPT. CHURCH**  
Rev. Eddie Ingram, Pastor  
1st, 4th Sun. Morn.  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Pastor - Lee Jones  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.

**PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.

**PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON**  
Terry McCrummen  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.

**PRAISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER**  
Rev. Roy L. Turner, pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.

**ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH**  
A. R. Williams, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.  
2nd & 4th Sundays

**ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.

**SHADY GROVE A.M.E.**  
Rev. James Boots, Pastor  
Sunday School... 10:00 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.  
Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.

**SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Bro. Joe Farris, Pastor  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.

**TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Sunday School... 9:45 a.m.  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Wed. Night Service... 5:00 p.m.

**ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
Rockey Pearce, Pastor  
Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.  
Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.

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#### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT

Relating to Coffee County and the compensation and expense allowance for the Sheriff of Coffee County; so as to further provide for an expense allowance and expiration date therefore and the Sheriff's compensation in the next term of office.

**Section 1.** The Sheriff of Coffee County shall receive an expense allowance of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000.00) per year, payable in equal monthly installments from the general fund of the county as other county employees are paid. Said expense allowance shall be in addition to all other compensation or benefits granted to the Sheriff and may be treated as compensation

for retirement contributions.

**Section 2.** Beginning with the next term of office, the expense allowance paid to the Sheriff as provided in Section 1 is null and void.

**Section 3.** This act shall become effective immediately following its passage and approval by the Governor or its otherwise becoming law.

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#### IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

**IN THE MATTER OF: THE ESTATE OF VENANCIO SANTOS FERREIRA, JR., Deceased.**

CASE NO. PC-2019-011

**LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION** of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of February, 2019, by the Honorable Steven E. Blair, Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Patricia A. Ferreira  
Patricia A. Ferreira,  
Administratrix

/s/ Laura A. Wyrosdick  
Laura A. Wyrosdick  
Attorney for Petitioner  
75 North Court Square  
P.O. Box 446  
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**I, He Reigns Incorporated, LLC,** have made application of the City of Elba for an **alcohol on premises consumption at this location, 806 Highway 203, Elba, AL.** A public hearing will be held by the City Council in their regular meeting in the Council Chamber in City Hall on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 5:30 PM.  
/Sally Bane, Elba City Clerk

## Water-damaged building may harbor mold

The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) urges the public to take precautionary measures to avoid indoor air quality problems as they repair their storm-damaged homes and buildings following recent floods. The recent flooding creates opportunity for molds to grow.

"Molds are mainly a health hazard to that part of the population that is allergic to them," Steven McDaniel, Bureau of Environmental Services, said. "Proper cleanup of molds decreases the amount available to cause symptoms."

Most molds do not cause infections, but some molds are a health risk to people with immune problems such as HIV infection, cancer patients taking chemotherapy and people who have received organ transplants. People with asthma, allergies, or other breathing conditions may be more sensitive to mold.

To protect against health risks associated with mold:

- Remove standing water from your home, office or business.
- Remove wet materials such as carpets, pads, insulation, wallboard, pillows and mattresses. If mold growth has already

occurred, carefully remove the moldy material.

- Use personal protective equipment when cleaning or removing mold. These are gloves, goggles and an N-95 particle respirator (found at most hardware stores). This type of respirator may resemble a paper dust mask with a nozzle on the front. Other respirators are made primarily of plastic or rubber and have a removable cartridge that traps most of the mold spores from entering.
- Do not use a respirator if you have heart disease or chronic lung disease such as asthma or emphysema. Due to an inability to wear protective equipment, persons with these conditions should avoid mold cleanup.
- While cleaning up, take breaks in a well-ventilated area. Individuals with known mold allergies or asthma should not clean or remove moldy materials.
- Do not mix bleach with anything except water. Mixing bleach with other liquids could produce hazardous gases from a chemical reaction. Read and follow label instructions carefully. Open windows and doors to provide plenty of fresh air.

Cleanup needs to be done correctly to remove the musty, earthy smell from buildings. The first step in cleanup is to remove sources of moisture since remaining moisture will create the humidity causing more mold to grow. Fix any

leaks and remove all water. Using a "wet-dry" shop vacuum (or the vacuum function of a carpet steam cleaner) may be helpful. Use fans and open windows, dehumidifiers or air conditioning to lower the humidity.

Remove all sheetrock to at least 12 inches above the high-water mark. Prevent the growth of mold on hard surfaces such as glass, plastic and metal by cleaning with detergent and water. To remove mold growth from hard surfaces, use commercial products, soap and water, or a bleach solution of 1 cup of bleach in 1 gallon of water. Use a stiff brush on rough surfaces such as concrete.

Alabama does not license mold remediation services or maintain a list of approved remediators, but you may check the Yellow Pages of your telephone directory for professional cleaners who are certified by the Institute of Inspecting, Cleaning and Restoration Certification (IICRC) for advice on removing molds from your home, or call the IICRC at 1-844-464-4272 to request a list of qualified professionals located in your area.

For more information, consult the following websites:

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/mold/index.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/floods/index.html>

<https://www.epa.gov/mol>

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## Alabama Ag Credit to distribute funds

Alabama farmers and rural property owners who borrow money from Alabama Ag Credit aren't just borrowers — they own the lending cooperative. That means that when the co-op does well, they share in its success. And for Alabama Ag Credit, 2018 was a very successful year.

In March, based on its successful financial results last year, Alabama Ag Credit will be distributing \$9.1 million in cash patronage to more than 7,500 members in central and south Alabama. This amount was approved by the cooperative's board of directors.

"Being able to consistently pay a strong cash patronage to our borrowers reflects the strength of our association. The board of directors is committed to maintaining a financially strong cooperative for the benefit of all our members," said Carl Sanders, board chairman.

Not only do these cash-back payments benefit the association's members, but also the local communities and economies where that money is circulated. They also lower the overall cost of borrowing from the cooperative. Since 2006, Alabama Ag Credit has returned more than \$76 million in distributions to its borrowers.

Alabama Ag Credit is a member of the nationwide Farm Credit System and provides financing for farms, timber and forestry operations, agribusinesses, country homes, recreational land and other rural property in 40 counties in central and southern Alabama. The financing cooperative has offices in Demopolis, Dothan, Enterprise, Monroeville, Montgomery, Opelika, Selma, Spanish Fort and Tuscaloosa. For more information, visit [www.AlabamaAgCredit.com](http://www.AlabamaAgCredit.com).



# SCHOOL NEWS

## TIGER TALES

News from  
Elba City Schools

Ria Turk, sponsor

### Elba High juniors take ACT test

On Wednesday, Feb. 20, all of the Elba High School juniors took the ACT test. Alabama is one of 19 states that requires juniors to take the college admission test, and one of seven states that requires the written part of the test. The state adopted this test instead of a separate graduation exam to help students be able to apply for college and encourage those that might not already be thinking about college.

The usual cost for one test session of the ACT is \$67, but juniors who take it during the session offered at school during the spring session take it for free.

### Cheerleader tryouts set for March 22

Elba High School Varsity and JV cheerleader tryouts are scheduled for Friday, March 22nd.

Varsity tryouts are open to any upcoming 9th-12th grader in good academic standing, and JV tryouts are open to any upcoming 7th or 8th grader in good academic standing. Tryout forms will be available Friday, March 1, at both schools.

Forms are due back to cheer sponsor Anna Marie Moore no later than March 7th.

There will be a mandatory cheer clinic for girls trying out March 18-21 after school. There is also a mandatory parent meeting on March 19 at 5:30 p.m.



2018 Miss Elba Queens

### Miss Elba Pageants set for April 6th

Are you interested in the Miss Elba Pageants? The City of Elba pageants are scheduled for April 6, 2019. Registration packets are available at City Hall and Elba High School. Registration packets are due Sunday, March 17, at the Mother & Daughter tea for Elba pageant contestants.

The registration fee for the pageants has been lowered this year, and the school-age pageant categories are closed to girls attending Elba City Schools.

Categories are as follows: Future Little Miss (Age 3-kindergarten), Little Miss (1st grade), Petite Miss (2nd & 3rd grade), Young Miss (4th-6th grade), Teen Miss (7th & 8th grade), Junior Miss (9th & 10th grade), and Miss Elba (must be at least 17, but no older than 21 by October 1, 2019).

The winner of the Little Miss and Miss Elba pageant will represent Elba in the National Peanut Festival pageants in the fall if there is at least three contestants in each category.

Pageants will be held in the EHS auditorium on April 6, 2019 for anyone that would like to attend.

#### Scholarship deadlines approaching

Southeast Alabama Gas scholarship applications are due March 15th. This is a local scholarship. Applications are available in the EHS front office.

Look on EHS Counselor to find more information about scholarships available to EHS students. A scholarship newsletter link is also available on this page.

### Current Elba High seniors encouraged to apply for Alumni Association monetary scholarships

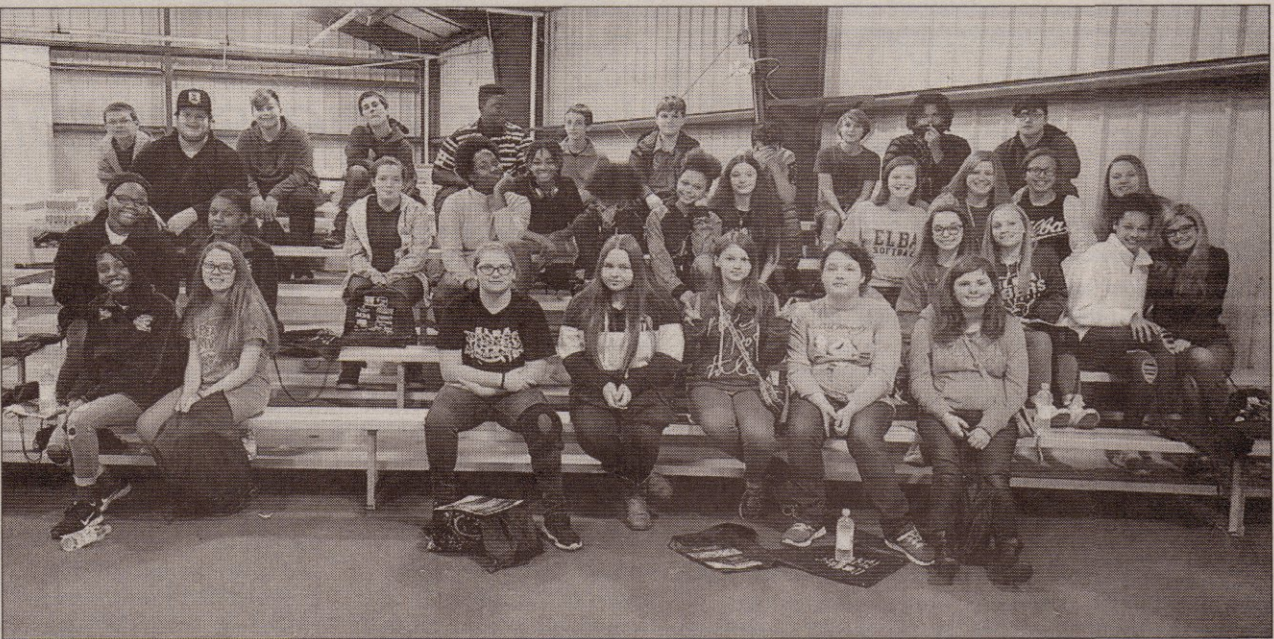
The Elba High School Alumni Association plans to award two members of the Class of 2019 a monetary scholarship equaling a total of \$3,000 again this year.

The scholarships will be awarded to one male and one female class member, and each will receive a \$1,500 monetary scholarship, which will be transferred to the student's college of choice for use at that school. The monies will be made available through the student's account at his/her college upon enrollment.

Seniors should contact Elba High counselor Buffy Lusk for more details on applying for the 2019 Elba High School Alumni Association Scholarship. Deadline to apply is Friday, April 5th.

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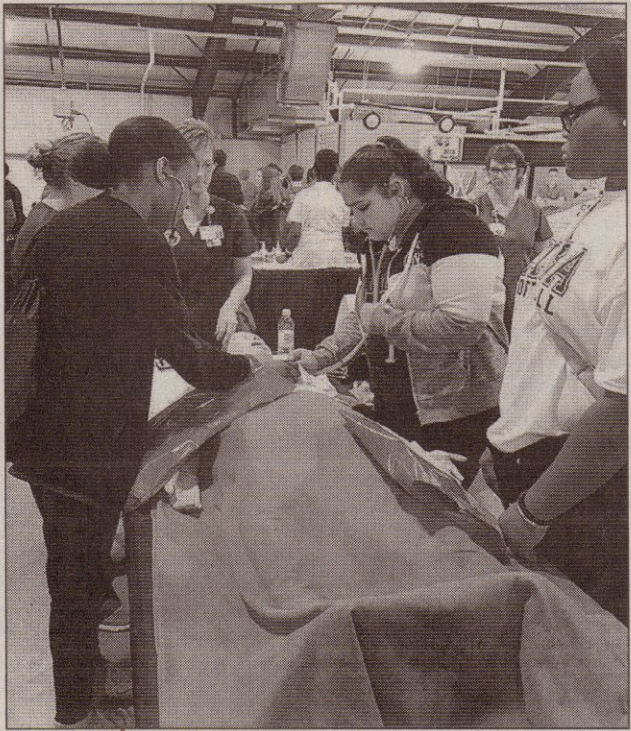
This group of 8th graders attend the World of Works career fair

### Elba 8th graders attend World of Works career fair in Dothan

On Thursday, Feb. 21, the Elba High School eighth graders took a field trip to the World of Works exhibit at the National Peanut Festival Fairgrounds.

Students were able to explore various jobs in ten different career fields that are available in Alabama. Students enjoyed the hands-on experiences and learning about potential jobs.

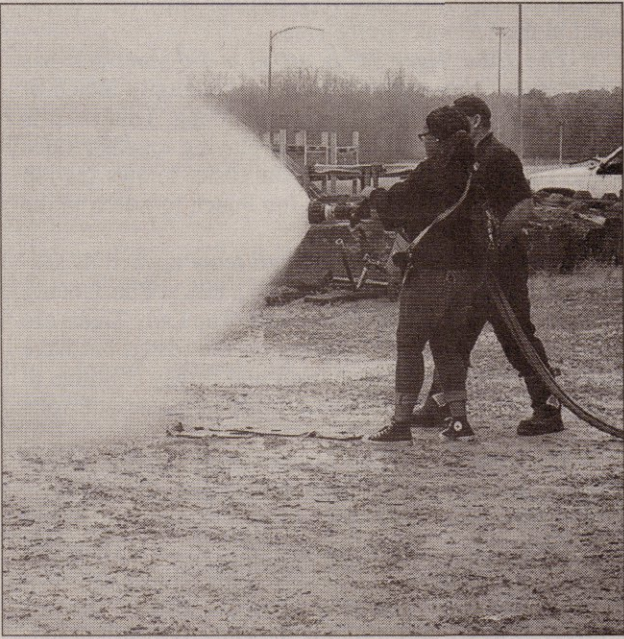
This career fair is a project of the Alabama Works program, funded by the State of Alabama.



Nursing was among the careers represented



Cosmetology is a popular field for many.



Getting the feel of firefighting



These Elba 8th grade students are shown learning about the ins and outs of road construction from Wiregrass Construction Co. representatives.

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# SPORTS

## Views From The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I have watched many commercials on the tube showing granddads taking their grandsons fishing. So, even though I am not a big fisherman, I spent a few hours last week getting my rods and bream busters ready for an upcoming trip. My goal is to teach Lawson how to bait his own hook and stand still long enough to catch a fish all by himself. I'll report back on our success!

### For what it is worth....

\*\*\* The Elba Tiger baseball team dropped its season opener to New Brockton after jumping out an early 3-0 lead, but bounced back late in the week and blasted Samson 11-0 behind some big bats and a no-hitter tossed by Tiger pitcher Blake Swann. It is early in the season and everyone on the Tigers' schedule will get better, but right now it looks like Elba may very well be one of the teams to beat in the 1A ranks in the area.

\*\*\* The Elba Tiger JV is off to a 3-0 start and has already made it clear that it plans to hang up a bunch of 'W's' on the wall as the season rolls along. This team is made up of players that have been playing together since back in t-ball, and everyone on the roster knows his job and how to do it. This will be a fun bunch to watch in the weeks, and years to come.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tiger softball team opened its season last week and bounced back from a loss at Pike County to claim a big road win over Straughn. The Lady Tigers are very young with only two seniors on the roster, but have already begun to mold into a team and if they continue to improve may just surprise some folks as the season rolls along.

\*\*\* The Elba Lady Tiger junior varsity opened its season last week and played a total of eight games in six days. The JV posted two wins early in the week to surpass last season's win total, but the coaches have made it clear that the goal is for the girls to learn the game and let someone else worry about the record, and with 16 girls on the roster, it is easy to see that teaching the game is priority number one.

\*\*\* The seasons opened last week for many area teams and making the most noise were the New Brockton Gamecocks. The Gamecocks knocked off Elba on the road early in the week and then swept 3A power Geneva in a late-week doubleheader to let everyone know they are hunting a state title. Brantley lost to 6A Northview and while its record may not be pretty early in the season, you know the Bulldogs are getting ready to make a run. Over in softball, Kinston won its opener over 4A Andalusia and appears to be better than ever, while Zion Chapel dropped its opener, but is expected to have one of its best teams in years. Yep, it looks like an exciting time ahead for the fans in both baseball and softball.

\*\*\* In closing.... the Maori Davenport saga ended last week when Charles Henderson was eliminated at the regional tournament and hours later the lawsuit against the AHSAA was dropped by the same judge that had issued a restraining order that allowed her to play while the case was pending a court date. Davenport's mother said after the case had been dismissed that allowing her daughter to play her senior season was the purpose of the suit and she felt like they had won since the talented senior did indeed play despite an AHSAA ruling. The much discussed matter will reach an end sometime soon when the AHSAA makes a final ruling, likely to include forfeited games and fines, but games are won on the court and not on a piece of paper, and I guess the Davenport's are correct that no matter what else happens, Maori got to play her senior season, and that made her the winner.

## \* Baseball \* Softball \* SCHEDULE

### Thursday, Feb. 28 (Baseball)

Daleville at Elba (DH)  
Zion Chapel at Kinston  
Opp at Brantley  
Enterprise at G.W. Long  
(Softball)  
H. Home at Elba  
Zion Chapel at Kinston  
Geneva at Brantley  
Northview at Enterprise

### Friday, March 1 (Baseball)

Elba at New Brockton

### Saturday, March 2 (Baseball)

New Brockton at Carroll  
Smiths St. at Enterprise  
(DH)

### Monday, March 4 (Baseball)

Dale County at Elba  
Brantley at Opp  
(Softball)  
Elba at Pl. Home  
Daleville at New Brockton  
Brantley at Opp

### Tuesday, March 5 (Baseball)

Samson at Elba  
New Brockton at Kinston  
Ariton at Zion Chapel  
CHHS at Enterprise  
(Softball)  
Pike County at Elba  
New Brockton at Kinston  
Ariton at Zion Chapel  
Brantley at Wicksburg  
Enterprise at Prattville

### Grab first win

## Lady Tigers surprise Straughn 6-4

The Elba Lady Tigers claimed their first win of the young high school softball season Thursday night, Feb. 21, with an exciting 6-4 win over Straughn.

A one-out single by Jaylyn Baker sparked a 3-run first inning for the Lady Tigers, while a two-out walk to Amaysia Whitfield kept the inning alive and set the table for McKenzie Hooks, who delivered a two-run triple and later scored on a wild pitch to put Elba on top 3-0 early.

Straughn took advantage of an Elba error to push across an unearned run in the bottom of the inning to pull within 3-1, but a one-out single by Zaida Williams enabled the Lady Tigers to flip the batting

order in the top of the second, and when Sandra Lindsey followed with a triple off the centerfield fence, and later stole home, Elba's lead was up to 5-1 after just two trips to the plate.

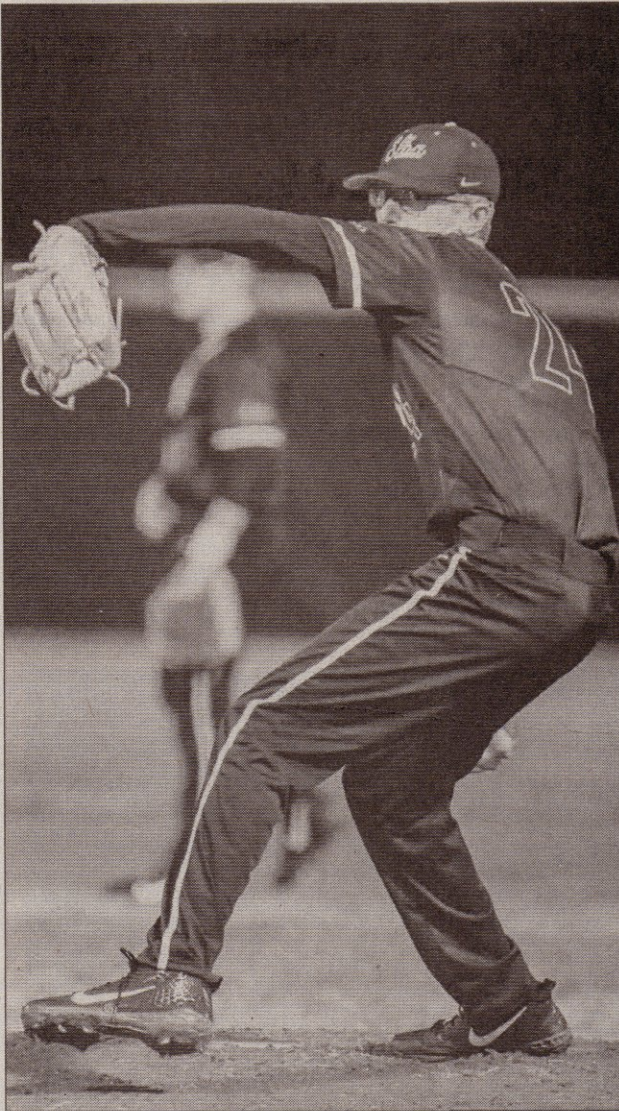
Elba freshman pitcher Mckenlie Jerkins handcuffed the Straughn batters over the game's initial five innings as she allowed only two hits, one unearned run and recorded six strikeouts. However, Straughn bunched together three hits in the bottom of the sixth and took advantage of two Elba errors to plate three runs and chopped the Lady Tigers' lead to 5-4.

Mckenlie Jerkins beat out an infield hit and went to second on an error to

open the Elba seventh, and courtesy runner Leah Faircloth raced home on a Straughn error in the infield to add an insurance run as the Lady Tigers regained command and held on to post the big 6-4 road win.

Zaida Williams had 3 hits and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while McKenzie Hooks added 1

hit, scored 1 run and knocked in 2 runs; Sandra Lindsey added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Jaylyn Baker added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Mckenlie Jerkins added 1 hit and got the win inside the circle as she allowed two earned runs on seven hits and recorded eight strikeouts.



SWANN TOSSES NO-HITTER.... Elba Tiger pitcher Blake Swann tossed a no-hitter with 13 strikeouts last week to lead the Tigers to a big 11-0 road win over Samson. Swann faced only 20 batters in the six-inning gem.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

### High School

## DIAMOND DUST BASEBALL:

### Zion Chapel sweeps past Pike County

The Zion Chapel Rebels made it a clean sweep in their season openers as the Rebel varsity rolled to a 10-2 win and the Rebel JV posted a 6-5 win.

In varsity action, Austin Johns, Brockston Bragg and Peyton Fitzgerald all had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; while Matt Richburg added 1 hit and 3 rbi's; and Paden Knight and Nate Braisted both added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

In junior varsity action, Wes Braisted had 2 hits, scored 1 run and knocked in 1 run to lead the Rebels, while Coleman Bragg added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Drew Mack added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Avery Padgett added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

### New Brockton rallied past Elba 8-4

The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied to score six runs in their final three trips to the plate to claim an 8-4 win over the Elba Tigers. Kade Brunson had 3 hits to lead the Gamecocks, while Clay Cotney added 2 hits and 2 rbi's and Wyatt Woodell added 2 hits.

### New Brockton outscores Geneva 15-12

New Brockton scored 10 runs in the first inning to take command early, but had to score three runs in the seventh to claim the wild 15-12 win. Clay Cotney and Andrew Cashin both had 3 hits to lead the Gamecocks, while Russell Weeks collected 3 rbi's and Kade Brunson had 2 rbi's.

### New Brockton rallied past Geneva 6-4

New Brockton scored all six runs in the top of the seventh inning to sneak past Geneva 6-4. Kaden Cupp and Hunter Smith both had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks.

### Northview gets past Brantley late 7-5

Northview scored five runs in its final at bat to rally past the Brantley Bulldogs 7-5. Jake Kilcrease had a 2-run single to lead the Bulldogs.

## SOFTBALL:

### Lady Rebels outscored by Pike 14-11

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels opened their softball season with a wild 14-11 loss to Pike County, in an eight-inning marathon. Addie Killingsworth and Heidi Arnold both had 4 hits to lead Zion Chapel, while Hailey Grant collected 3 rbi's.

### New Brockton ripped by Raiders 15-0

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks dropped a 15-0 decision to Houston Academy. Mattie Havas pitched a no-hitter with 8 strikeouts and went 2-3 at the plate with a home run to lead the Raiders.

## Late Elba rally falls short in 6-5 loss in opener

The Elba Lady Tigers opened the high school softball season last Tuesday night, Feb. 19, on a cold and windy night in Brundidge and saw a late rally fall one-run short as they lost to Pike County 6-5.

Elba had a hard time getting settled into the batters box early in the game as the Lady Tigers managed only a single by Praise Edwards in the third and a single by Amaysia Whitfield in the fourth.

The same wasn't true for Pike County; however, as it plated two runs in the first, third and fifth innings and banged out 11 hits to open up a 6-0 lead heading into the top of the seventh inning.

McKenzie Hooks reached on an error to open the seventh for the Lady Tigers and Praise Edwards was hit by a pitch with one

out to pump life into Elba, and Makenna Gray, Zaida Williams and Sandra Lindsey all followed with singles as the Lady Tigers cut the lead to 6-4. Jaylyn Baker ripped a two-out triple to pull Elba within 6-5, but was left on third with the tying run as a fly ball out ended the rally and the game with Pike County still on top 6-5.

Zaida Williams had 1 hit, scored 1 run and knocked in 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Sandra Lindsey and Makenna Gray both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and collected 1 rbi; Jaylyn Baker added 1 hit and 1 rbi; Praise Edwards added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Amaysia Whitfield added 1 hit.

Mckenlie Jerkins took the loss inside the circle as she allowed three earned runs on eight hits and recorded nine strikeouts.

## Lady Tigers JV play eight games in opening week

The Elba Lady Tiger junior varsity softball team had a busy week as they competed in two tournaments and played a total of eight games in six days to open the season.

Following are highlights of the opening week's action:

### Luverne 13 Elba 2

Elba fell behind 4-0 early and never challenged in a 13-2 loss to Luverne, at the Zion Chapel tournament. Victori Edwards had a double and one rbi to lead Elba at the plate, while Emily Richardson and Hailee Layton both scored 1 run.

### Elba 11 H. Home 10

Elba jumped out to an early 8-2 lead and held on late to outscore Highland Home 11-10, at the Zion Chapel tournament. Navaeh Sanders and Sha'Vaughne Smith both had 3 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Madison Dooley added 2 hits and scored 3 runs, Aimee Senn added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Victori Edwards added a double, 1 rbi and scored 1 run, and Kendra Juarez and Hailee Layton both added 2 hits.

### Zion Chapel 12 Elba 1

Elba fell behind 12-0 in the second inning and never threatened in a 12-1 loss to Zion Chapel, at the Zion Chapel tournament. Destinee Tidwell scored the only Elba run.

### Elba 12 Pike County 4

Elba jumped out to a 9-0 first inning lead and coast-

### Straughn 5 Elba 2

Elba watched an early 2-0 lead vanish in a 5-2 loss to Straughn. Madison Dooley had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Victori Edwards added a double.

### Zion Chapel 7 Elba 3

Elba fell behind 6-0 early and saw a late rally fall short in a 7-3 loss to Zion Chapel, at the Opp tournament. Victori Edwards had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Elba at the plate, while Liza Rodriguez and Danaejah Flowers both scored 1 run.

### Pl. Home 13 Elba 5

Elba watched an early 3-0 lead evaporate in a 13-5 loss to Pleasant Home, at the Opp tournament. Victori Edwards had 1 hit and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Aimee Senn added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Madison Dooley and Hailee Layton both scored 1 run.

### Wetumpka 20 Elba 3

Elba never had a chance in a 20-3 loss to Wetumpka, at the Opp Tournament. Madison Dooley had a two-run double to lead Elba at the plate, while Liza Rodriguez, Victori Edwards and Hailee Layton all added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

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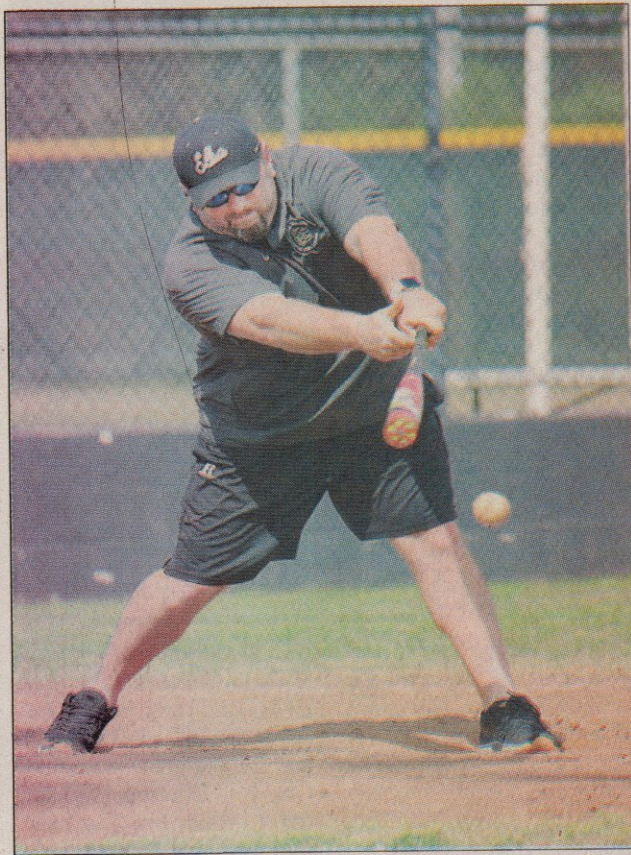
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## Elba baseball hosts annual Old Timers vs Rookies event



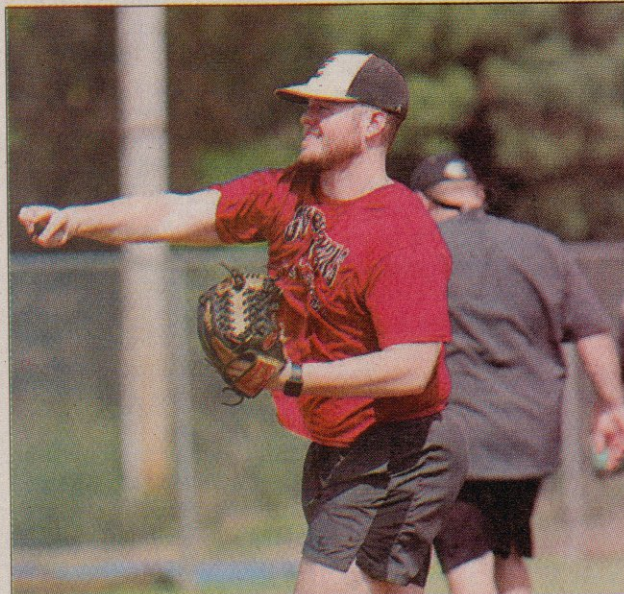
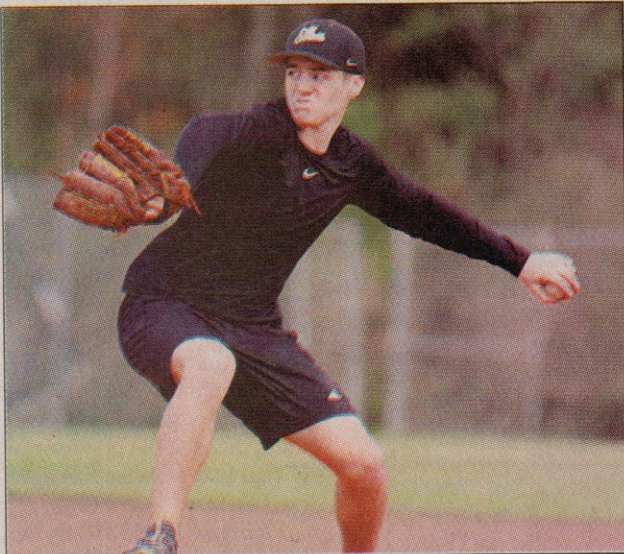
The Elba High School baseball program held its annual Old Timers vs Rookies Hit-a-Thon and Game last Saturday, Feb. 23, at the EHS baseball field.

This is a fundraising event for the baseball program. It also is a fun day for both current Elba baseball players and those from days gone by.

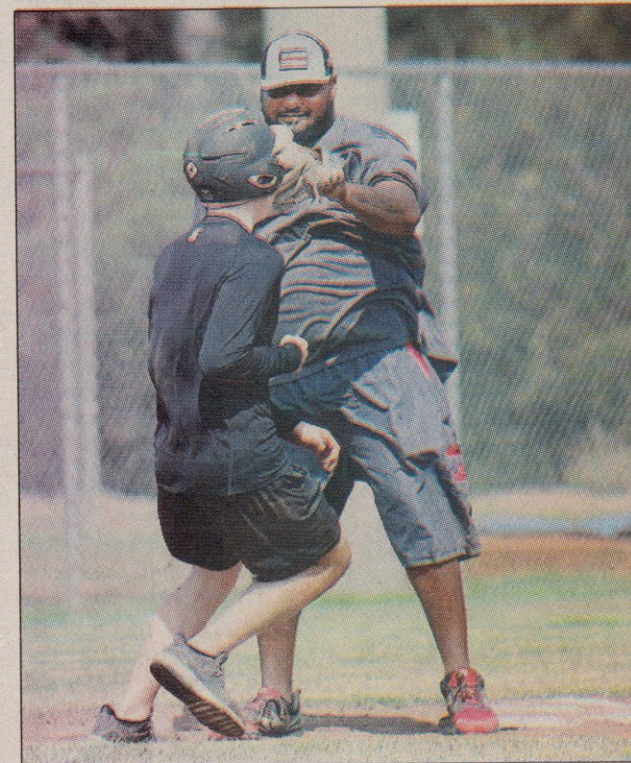
Baseball coach Glen Johnson thanked everyone who helped make the event another success this year. As for the game, he said three innings were played [before the old timers gave out].

The old timers did have a little help as Johnson said they were loaned a catcher and a senior from the stands. But, in the end, it was the rookies for the win with 3-2 final.

Johnson said the baseball program, however, was the big winner with great support shown for it through this fun event that is highly anticipated each year.

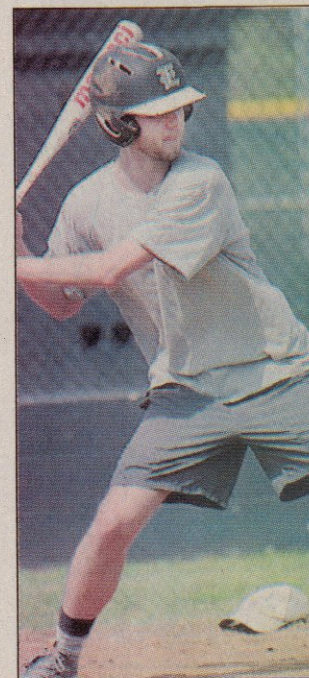
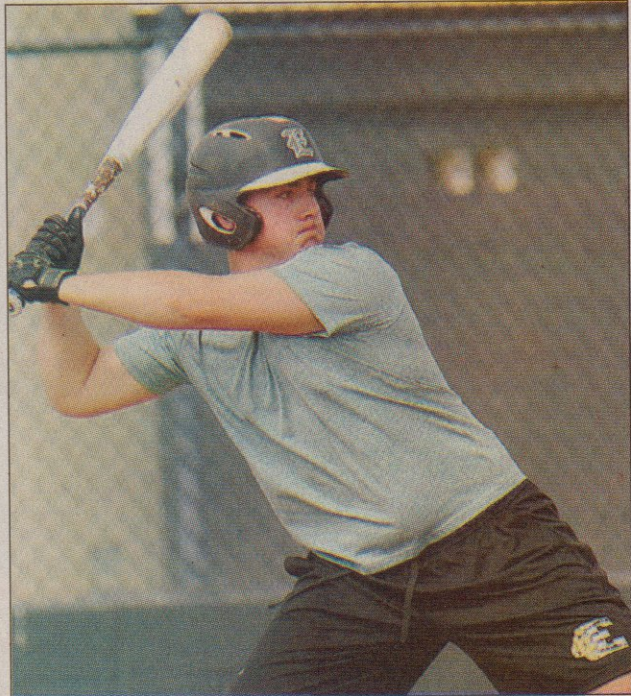
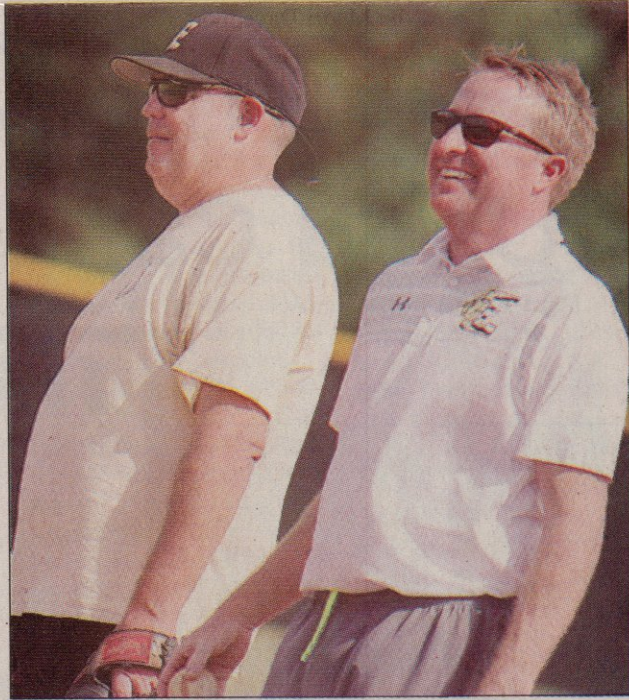
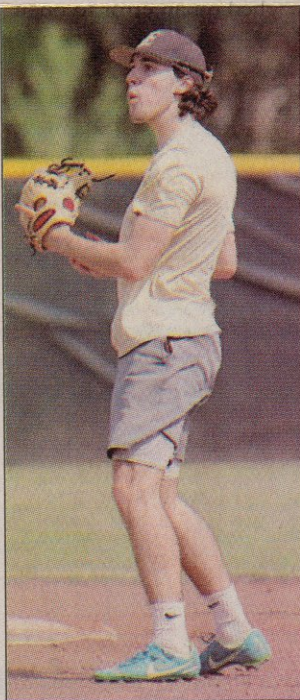


**HIT-A-THON'S LONGEST HIT...**Elba alumnus Marcus Henderson (left) is congratulated by EHS baseball coach Glen Johnson (right) for having the longest hit last Saturday, Feb. 23, during the annual Old Timers Hit-a-Thon held at the Elba High School baseball field.

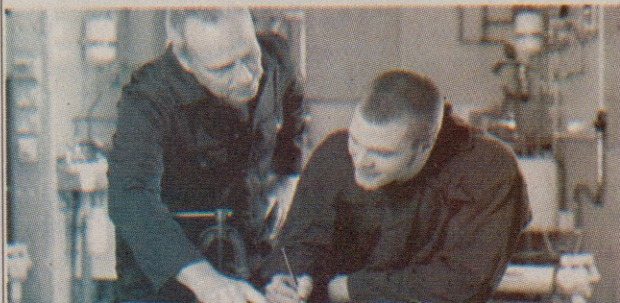


**HIT-A-THON'S MOST HITS...**Elba alumnus Jason Johnson (left) is congratulated by EHS baseball coach Glen Johnson (right) for having the most hits last Saturday, Feb. 23, during the annual Old Timers Hit-a-Thon held at the Elba High School baseball field.

Old Timers vs Rookies  
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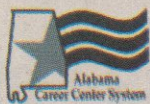


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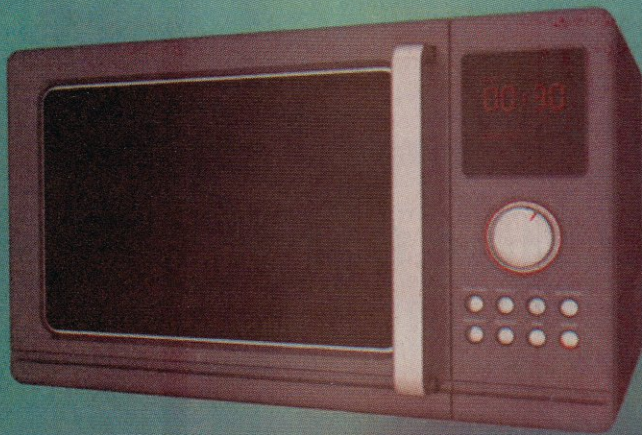
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# COMMUNITY NEWS



**GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP HIGHLY ATTENDED...**The Elba Chamber of Commerce hosted a grant writing workshop Tuesday, Feb. 26, in Elba. The attendance was large enough it forced a venue change from the chamber office to the educational building at Elba United Methodist Church. Ann S. Cooper, vice president of the River Region United Way of Montgomery, taught this free course (shown above). According to Elba Chamber director Sandy Bynum, the grant writing workshop was a huge success.

## Tickets on sale now for SEACT's production of *Chicago*

SEACT.com and the Dothan Civic Center Box Office are selling tickets for *Chicago*, performing Mar. 12-16, at the Dothan Opera House.

Imagine yourself back in roaring twenties Chicago. Chorus girl Roxie Hart murders a faithless lover and convinces her hapless husband, Amos, to take the rap... until he finds out he's been duped and turns on Roxie. Convicted and sent to death row, Roxie and another

"Merry Murderess," Velma Kelly, vie for the spotlight and the headlines, ultimately joining forces in search of the American Dream: fame, fortune, and acquittal. The sharp-edged satire features a dazzling score that

sparked immortal staging by Bob Fosse.

This production is directed by Margo Wright and sponsored by Home Helpers. The show includes mild language, adult themes, and may not be appropriate for all ages.

Tickets are available online at [www.SEACT.com](http://www.SEACT.com), [www.DothanCivicCenter.org](http://www.DothanCivicCenter.org), or by contacting the Dothan Civic Center Box Office (334) 615-3175. The box office is open 8:30-4:30 PM weekdays and located on the second floor of the Dothan Civic Center. Tickets are \$23-\$25 each, and all persons must have a seat.

Performances are at 7:00 p.m. on Mar. 12-16. The

Dothan Opera House lobby opens nightly at 6 p.m. with tickets on sale if the performance is not sold out. Reserved seating begins at 6:30.

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## Round & About (Continued from Page FIVE)

Jim Jeffries, who had retired undefeated in 1905, returned to the ring as 'the great white hope' but Johnson easily defeated him in Reno, Nevada in 1910 – thus becoming the undisputed world heavyweight title holder. Outrage at the black champion's ways mounted to such a pitch that in 1912 he was convicted on dubious evidence of having violated the Mann Act forbidding the transport of women across state lines for immoral purposes. Sentenced to a year in prison, he fled the country while out on bail.

Johnson lost his title to Jess Willard in April 1915 in Havana, Cuba, in a 26th round knockout that was regarded by many experts as questionable.

(This information is attributed to *The Story of America*, 1975; *The Reader's Digest*

*Association, Inc.*, Pleasantville, New York)

### Question / Answer Session

Q/A for the Week of 2/28/19

Q: What are the characteristics of a mature Christian that a believer who "gives" all diligence can add?

A: Faith, Virtue, Knowledge, Temperance, Patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, charity. 2nd Peter 1: 5-7

### Thought to Remember

Don't Judge One Another

### Questions for the Week of 3/7/19

Q: In 2 Peter 1: 13, What did Peter mean by the word tabernacle or tent?

Q: How does the 16th verse of 1 Peter 1 of the Holy Bible, King James version, read?

Today is a good day! Be grateful.  
Eria's Daughter, Sue

## Pastor's Corner (Continued from Page FIVE)

clean it up. It is a beautiful thing to see an older sister realize she must consult her "stupid little brother" for advice. Realizing I was much more experienced in the art of covering tracks, she reluctantly asked me what we ought to do. My mind raced at the opportunity that had lain itself before me.

I laughed inside as I chose my words carefully. I spoke with the confidence of a seasoned veteran. "Go get the vacuum cleaner quick" I said trying to look worried. "Get it up before mom sees it." Alice started to head for the closet where my mother kept the vacuum, but stopped short. Being older and wiser she had seen through my plan.

Obviously, Mother would hear the vacuum, come to investigate, and Alice would be found out. Seeing that I wasn't completely on her side she decided to take matters into her own hands. She thought about it for a moment and then did what she thought was the next best thing. She went to the kitchen and got a wet rag.

The brown stain that

resulted stayed under our table until we replaced the carpet years later. My mother eventually came to see why we were so quiet. The truth came pouring out, only this time not from Alice but from me. How easily the words came flowing out of my mouth. "I told her to get the vacuum cleaner, but she didn't want you to hear it." Revenge is sweet, but usually short-lived. It wasn't long after that that I got ketchup on the ceiling, but that's another story.

We have all at one time or another tried to make some kind of cover up for our shortcomings. The truth is, it can't be done. The Bible puts it this way "...and you may be sure that your sin

will find you out" (Num. 32:23). Just ask Adam and Eve (Gen. 3), or Achan (Jos. 7), or David (2 Sam. 11-12), and the list goes on and on. Oh, you can fool yourself for a while, but you can't fool God.

I realized after many years and many "rods" that Alice was right after all. It is much better to confess and have a clean conscience than to spend time in the futility of trying to cover up. I think John summed it up best. "If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9).

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